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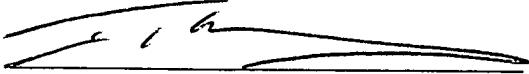
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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
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EXAMINING GROUP 1773**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on September 22, 2005, Applicants respond as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 in this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper